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Burbank Man Convicted of Trying to Kill Sheriff's Deputies

A Burbank man was convicted today of trying to kill six Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies and keeping a SWAT team at bay for nearly eight hours in 2016, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Jurors deliberated for about two hours before finding Juan Manuel Martinez (dob 7/19/76) guilty of six counts of attempted murder, five counts of assault on a peace officer with a semiautomatic firearm and one count each of false imprisonment of a hostage, dissuading a witness by threat of force and possession of a firearm by a felon.

Martinez faces a possible maximum sentence of more than 200 years to life in state prison when he is scheduled to be sentenced on July 30.

Deputy District Attorney Garrett Dameron of the Crimes Against Peace Officers Section prosecuted the case.

On June 23, 2016, Martinez shot and wounded a motorcycle deputy who pulled him over during a DUI checkpoint.

Martinez then wounded another deputy as he fled. He opened fire on other deputies before hiding in a small structure for nearly eight hours. He was arrested after a SWAT team fired tear gas into the structure.

Case VA142260 was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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